



2024 CET DAY TOURS *(thru December 2024)*

Registration for new Day Trips begins Thursday, May 2, 2024

Please Read!

Important Instructions for Day Trip Reservations

- 1. Day Trip reservations will be accepted beginning Thursday, May 2, 2024—and not before!** You can book your own tours online. Visit the Community Education website at <https://www.ce.d214.org/>. From the website you can access the online registration system.
- 2. Online registration begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 2. If you are unable to reserve your tours online, you may email your selections to cetravel@d214.org (emails are preferred) or phone 847-718-7709 beginning at 1 p.m. on May 2.** When you reach voicemail, leave a message and include your name, phone number and the trips you want us to book for you. You can make up to four reservations with your email or phone call, but we must have complete names, phone numbers and emails for each participant and they must be aware you are calling for them.
- 3. To be fair to all, we have allocated a certain number of seats for each trip for online reservations as well as email/phone reservations.**
- 4. No in-person reservations will be accepted. Please do not come to the Community Education Travel (CET) office.**
- 5. CET accepts only credit or debit cards for payment (exceptions are made for those who do not have a credit or debit card). Your credit card information will be required at the time of booking, but your card will not be charged at that time. We will automatically charge your card approximately 60 days prior to the trip; if the trip is scheduled in less than 60 days, we will charge your card at time of reservation. If you email or leave a message with your Day Trip selections, do not include your credit/debit card number in your email or phone message; we will contact you for the necessary information. If you have taken a CET Day Trip within the past year, we already have your credit card securely on file. Please check the expiration date and call us to update the date if necessary.**
- 6. Once your reservation is confirmed, we will email (or send by postal mail if you do not have an email address) your confirmation, including the date your credit/debit card will be charged.**
- 7. Any CET Discounts you have must be mailed to our office prior to final payment; no discounts will be refunded after final payment is charged. The only discounts accepted for Day Trips are Birthday Cards and CET Day Trip Rewards (three rewards equal three points for \$10 off a trip). Gold Card discounts are not applicable for Day Trips.**
- 8. Reservations canceled after the final payment is charged are nonrefundable unless a replacement is found to take your place, in which case we will refund your payment less a \$10 administrative fee.**
- 9. Approximately two weeks prior to the date of your Day Trip, you will receive final instructions via email, or postal mail if you do not have email. This letter will give you details of the tour, including where to board the motorcoach, departure and return times, the name of your Tour Director and other information relevant to the trip.**



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2024 DAY TRIPS (July through December)

A brief description of CET Day Trips follows. Visit our website at ce.d214.org for additional information on these trips. We look forward to seeing you aboard again!

Wisconsin Supper Club Dinner Cruise Thursday, July 11, 2024 \$148

Join CET for a memorable dining experience on a Wisconsin Supper Club Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva. This delightful evening dinner cruise aboard the Grand Belle features a supper club menu, themed décor to set the mood, and live Sinatra-style entertainment. The cruise departs from the Riviera Docks, home to the historic Riviera Ballroom, which has hosted entertainers such as Louis Armstrong, Lawrence Welk, Dean Martin, Perry Como and Frank Sinatra himself. Travelers will hear the history of the palatial waterfront summer homes of the Wrigley, the Schwinn and the Driehaus families, which led the region to be nicknamed the “Newport of the West.” After dinner, sit back and relax as musician John Ludy, a Midwestern favorite and former Ditka's Arlington Trackside regular, entertains with a variety of music genres.

Old World Wisconsin Thursday, July 25, 2024 \$132

At Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, Wisconsin, experience firsthand the rural past of America's heartland in an engaging, authentic, and fun tour. Named one of America's Top Living History Sites by Group Tour Magazine, Old World Wisconsin offers a day in the life of the Danish, Finnish, and Norwegian immigrants who settled in the state. Old World Wisconsin showcases different stories from Wisconsin's immigrant past in separate areas that are reached by a tram running continuously throughout the grounds. You will find more than 60 restored homes, farms, stores, and workshops that you are free to explore. Costumed interpreters relive and share the day-to-day activities of Wisconsin's early settlers. There may be demonstrations of cooking over a wood fire, spinning wool, driving a team of oxen in the fields, or a blacksmith plying his trade. In the museum store, shop for favorites like lavender soap and yarn from Old World's sheep, along with handmade textiles, leather goods, gifts, jewelry, and inspirations for your home. On our way to Eagle, we will stop in Lake Geneva for lunch at the amazing Tuscan Restaurant.

Limited Availability - Previously on sale!

Chicago Sports Museum & Wrigley Field Tour Thursday August 8, 2024 \$127

Chicago sports fans—this tour is for you! We will visit the Chicago Sports Museum and tour the friendly confines of Wrigley Field on the anniversary of its first night game on 8/8/88. At the interactive museum, located in Water Tower Place, you will find high tech interactive experiences with an impressive array of treasures and artifacts celebrating all Chicago professional sports teams. Try on a replica 1986 Super Bowl ring made for “Refrigerator” Perry, the largest ever made for a player. Try to stop a shot from former Blackhawk Patrick Kane or shoot hoops with Bulls Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen in virtual reality games. The museum is also home to Chicago's largest collection of 2016 Cubs World Series memorabilia. A great lunch

is included at the adjacent Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch restaurant. At Wrigley Field, experience the beauty, charm and historic features fans have come to know and love, all while learning about the majestic ballpark that has captivated baseball fans for more than 100 years. Visit the press box, visiting team clubhouse, bleachers and step out onto the field to view the Cubs dugout!

Nitti's Supper Club & Speakeasy Saturday August 10, 2024 \$140

Step back into the Roaring '20s during a fun Saturday evening at Nitti's Supper Club. Housed in Harry Caray's Restaurant landmark building, which was once owned by infamous Chicago outfit boss Frank Nitti, join us for dinner and an all-new production entitled "Who killed Eddie O'Hare?" The show is filled with laughs, gangsters, flappers, audience interaction and a toe-tapping musical production! Long before 33 W. Kinzie housed one of Chicago's most famous steakhouses, it was home to Frank Nitti, the notorious enforcer of the Al Capone gang. He lived in an apartment on the fourth floor with his wife, Annette, and operated a legitimate Italian food business, Caravetta Foods, out of the building. But it was also a convenient hideout for Nitti. The building connected to Chicago's underground tunnel system, allowing Nitti and his associates to come and go without being seen on the streets. Nitti's Supper Club and Speakeasy incorporates real characters from Nitti's life of crime. Join them on a trip back in time to the raucous world of Prohibition-era Chicago!

Rosewood of Delavan: Lunch & Cabaret Thursday August 29, 2024 \$144

Enjoy summertime fun as we head to one of Southern Wisconsin's most popular event destinations, Rosewood. Experience unique "farm to table" cuisine as their chef, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, prepares lunch at chef attended stations featuring such items as Carved Crusted Sirloin and Pork Loin. Other stations include pastas, vegetables, salads and a delicious dessert table. Following lunch, step into Rosewood's state-of-the-art theater for a cabaret-style show performed by the famous local duo Mark and Gretch Hladish. You can almost feel the island breezes as you watch their musical show, "Yacht Rock." Set sail with Mark and Gretch as they perform classic songs by Bobby Darin, Seals and Crofts, the Beach Boys, Bobby McFerrin, Jimmy Buffet, The Drifters, and summer selections from the musicals "Porgy and Bess" and "Grease."

Wandering Tree Estate & Dover Straits Thursday, September 12, 2024 \$128

By special invitation, Community Education Travel has the opportunity to visit one of the most exciting and unusual homes in the Midwest: Wandering Tree Estates! Located in North Barrington, Wandering Tree is the incredible home of Elaine Silets, internationally recognized artist and designer of model railroads & garden railways. Her work has been featured in the John Hancock Center and the Christmas windows at Tiffany & Co., and she has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show. During the morning trip, you'll be transported into one of the most uniquely beautiful private event venues in the country. In this 10-acre garden you will experience model rail cars traversing 1500 feet of linear track, bridges, trestles, waterfalls all amongst beautiful flower gardens! The grounds also feature a greenhouse and an incredible miniature railroad display in a recreated train depot. Later, enjoy a fabulous lunch at Dover Straits in Mundelein.

Flyover Chicago & Museum of Illusions **Wednesday October 2, 2024** **\$132**

A fun day is in store at two of Chicago's newest attractions, Flyover Chicago and the Museum of Illusions. Located at Navy Pier, Flyover Chicago captures your imagination and engages your senses as you virtually soar over, under, around and through the city's most epic places! Motion seats, scents, mists and music work together to capture the feeling of flight as you explore Chicago from above in a 360-degree theater experience. Afterwards, enjoy a taste of the islands at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Grill with its backdrop of Lake Michigan and the festive activities of Navy Pier. At the Museum of Illusions get ready to be mesmerized as you enter a world where nothing is ever quite as it seems. Immerse yourself in the illusion rooms where you will grow, shrink, defy gravity, walk on walls as you engage with uniquely designed installations that will completely baffle your brain. Get your camera ready because you won't want to miss these wild photo-ops!

Autumn Cruisin' on the Illinois River **Thursday, October 10, 2024** **\$135**

A new unforgettable autumn adventure awaits as we sail on the Sainte Genevieve riverboat, North Central Illinois' newest attraction. The Sainte Genevieve debuted in 2023 and travels one of the most scenic stretches the river has to offer. The three-hour cruise departs from Starved Rock State Park and travels upriver to historic downtown Ottawa. Along the way we'll sail beneath legendary Starved Rock and through the locks where you will marvel at this impressive engineering feat while learning about river transportation. The relaxing cruise gives you the chance to see the natural beauty along the shoreline as the colors begin to change to their autumnal splendor. Before we board the Sainte Genevieve, the group will enjoy a great lunch at the Starved Rock State Park Lodge, built in the 1930s and featuring its iconic log walls and two-sided stone fireplace overlooking the park. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, history buff or just looking to relax on a fall day, you won't want to miss this tour!

"Mystery at the Mansion!" **Wednesday October 30, 2024** **\$123**
- Death of a Gangster: A 1920s Mafia Marriage Murder Mystery Luncheon

Lucky you! You've been invited to the Dunn Speakeasy at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet for the wedding of the year! In this "married to the mob" event, you'll never know whom to trust. With the two families merging together, someone is bound to lose power, which means someone else will lose their life. Get on the trolley and solve this case with your fellow detectives. If you would like you can dress up for this crime family wedding: Flapper dresses, zoot suits, feather boas and headbands, pinstriped suits and fedoras are all appropriate. The mansion, built in 1873 on Joliet's Silk Stocking Row by railroad magnate Jacob Henry, is a fully furnished mansion known for its beauty and old Victorian charm. The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places where you will enjoy a great lunch during the event.!

HOLIDAY TOURS

“Miracle on 34th Street” at the Fireside Theatre Friday November 22, 2024 \$156

Kick off the holiday season at the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, to see a timeless classic! Based on the beloved Christmas movie, “Miracle On 34th Street” is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in Christmas. You will be treated to lunch in the theater’s lovely restaurant before enjoying the matinee performance in the 700-seat theatre in the round. You’ll also have time to shop before the show in the popular gift shops, offering a complete selection of gifts and collectibles for all ages and occasions.

Illumination & White Fence Farm Tuesday December 3, 2024 \$131

This great holiday tour starts with a late afternoon departure as we are off to dinner at the landmark White Fence Farm Restaurant and its proclaimed “World’s Greatest Chicken.” Beautifully decorated for the holidays, the restaurant has served travelers on historic U.S. Route 66 since 1926. The famous chicken is pressure cooked thoroughly before being flash-fried for only three minutes and delivered immediately to your table, along with the restaurant’s famous relishes, corn fritters and mashed potatoes and gravy. A special holiday treat follows at Morton Arboretum’s “Illumination: Tree Lights at the Arboretum.” Illumination is a spectacular holiday lights display using amazing new technology. Walk along a paved path to see the trees glowing with dazzling LED lights. You will not only see them, but interact with them as well: You can hug a tree to make it glow brighter, sing to a tree and watch it change color and swipe your hand to make it do both. It’s a new experience at every turn! Enjoy a cozy fire and some hot chocolate and stop in at the Visitor’s Center to see other themed displays. Illumination is becoming a true yuletide tradition. *(Illumination requires walking along a relatively level outdoor pathway about ¾ to 1 mile in length.)*

Winterland at Wrigley Field & Christkindlmarket Thursday, December 5, 2024 \$137

Join CET as we celebrate new and old Chicago holiday traditions. At Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, step onto the field and see the stadium like you never have before. Decorated spectacularly for Christmas with an ice skating rink, decorated Christmas trees and other breathtaking holiday scenes, it’s a sight to behold! Just outside the park, shop for holiday crafts and gifts at Christkindlmarket Wrigleyville, an enchanting and inviting holiday village. Our tour begins in the afternoon with a tradition going back 115 years as we visit the former Marshall Field’s State Street store, now under the Macy’s brand. Here you have free time to shop and see the store’s traditional and memorable Christmas displays including the famous Great Tree in the Walnut Room, a tradition dating back to 1907! Step outside to take in the splendor of the always popular holiday window displays. For lunch it’s a Ho Ho Holy Cow Christmas at Harry Caray’s flagship restaurant in Chicago’s River North.

Milwaukee's Spirit of Christmas Past & Caledonia Carnival of Lights

Friday December 6, 2024 \$149

Take a step back to the days of Christmas past in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A local guide will lead a narrated tour featuring some of the area's iconic holiday sights. We'll visit the historic and spiritual St. Josaphat Basilica, completed in 1901. At the Mitchell Park Conservatory, a trio of beehive-shaped glass domes are bedecked with hundreds of colorful poinsettias, snow white mums and brightly decorated pines for the annual Holiday Floral Show. Christmas at the Pabst Mansion is a true experience of Christmases past! Built in 1892 by beer baron Frederick Pabst, the mansion is elegantly decorated for the holidays. As you explore the Mansion each fantastical display is revealed room by room, totaling nearly two dozen festively decorated spaces. Lunch is a great holiday meal at the Steakout Supper Club in Greendale. After leaving Milwaukee we will stop in Caledonia, Wisconsin, to see the drive-through "Carnival of Lights"--billed as the biggest and brightest light show in the Midwest, featuring more than two million lights!

Sanfilippo Mansion Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 10, 2024 \$150

Celebrate the holidays on one of CET's most popular tours - a special event at Place de la Musique, the spectacular Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills. We begin our day with an elegant catered holiday meal in the Estate's Carousel Building. We'll dine next to the "Eden Palais" carousel, the only complete European salon carousel in the world. The spectacular 89-foot wide and 42-foot tall-carved façade has life-size carved horses, giant art glass butterflies and an 89-key gavioli band organ. You will see and hear this masterpiece in its full glory while learning about the estate's amazing collection. Following lunch, visit the Sanfilippo residence for a 90-minute Wurlitzer Theatre holiday organ concert performed by Dave Wickerham, one of the finest theater organists in the world. The afternoon concludes with a self-guided exploration of the mansion where docents will explain and demonstrate some of the world's greatest collections of restored antique music machines. This elegant afternoon will help you ring in the holidays!

THEATER IN CHICAGOLAND!

"The Audience" at Drury Lane Theatre Thursday September 26, 2024 \$149

Peek behind the closed doors of Buckingham Palace in "The Audience," an intimate portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the pivotal private audiences she held with her prime ministers. From Peter Morgan, writer of "The Crown," this award-winning play cleverly imagines a series of pivotal meetings between the Downing Street Prime Ministers and their monarch. "The Audience" is an enthralling exploration of the delicate balance of power and unspoken rules of engagement that underscore these confidential meetings. Masterfully blending the personal and the political, "The Audience" gives an extraordinary glimpse into the woman behind the crown and the leaders she outlasted. Upon our arrival at Drury Lane, an elegant luncheon is served at the theater's Lucille restaurant with a preselected choice of entrees before we step into the grandiose proscenium-style theater!

“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” at the Nederlander Theatre

Wednesday November 13, 2024

\$245

Broadway’s spellbinding sensation “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” is coming to Chicago on its first-ever North American tour. Join the next adventure and experience the wizarding world like never before at this record-breaking, Tony Award-winning hit, hailed by Forbes Magazine as “one of the most defining pop culture events of the decade.” When Harry Potter’s headstrong son Albus befriends the son of his fiercest rival, Draco Malfoy, it sparks an unbelievable new journey for them all—with the power to change the past and future forever. Prepare for a mind-blowing race through time, spectacular spells, and an epic battle. Enjoy a great lunch before the matinee at Chicago’s Weber Grill.

***Please note* “Fine Print For All CET Day Trips”!** Rates are per person. Full payment will be charged to your credit/debit card approximately 60 days prior to the date of the tour or as otherwise stated on your confirmation. Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation with cost, date that the payment will be charged and cancellation information. Rates include free parking at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights on the day of the tour; transportation on restroom-equipped motorcoach; sightseeing, admissions, theatre tickets (*if applicable*), meals as described; City guide on some Chicago itineraries, guide & driver gratuities, CET Tour Director and CET Rewards. Cancellations after the final payment is charged are nonrefundable unless a replacement is found, in which case we will refund you, less a \$10 administrative fee. **REWARD PROGRAM:** Day Trip Reward certificates are good for either 1 Reward OR \$5 off an extended tour. Collect three certificates (equal to three rewards) and turn them in for \$10 off your next CET Day Trip. **(REWARDS MUST BE VALID THROUGH DATE OF TRAVEL and redeemed to our office before your final payment date.)** Day trip rewards can also be used towards extended tours (overnight or longer) using the dollars-off redemption program currently in place. Itineraries, dates and prices are subject to change.

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